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Sociological Papers. Volume II. Published for the Sociological Society (of London). London: Macmillan & Co. Pp. 312.

This second volume contains Mr. Francis Galton's papers on "Restrictions in Marriage," "Studies in National Eugenics," and "Eugenics as a Factor in Religion," with twenty-four pages of dis-

cussion of the same by twenty-six contributors. The other papers, with discussions appended, are: "Civics: as Applied Sociology," Part II, by Professor Patrick Geddes; "The School in Some of its Relations to Social Organization and to National Life," by Professor M. E. Sadler; "The Influence of Magic on Social Relationships," by Dr. E. Westermarck; "On the Relation between Sociology and Ethics," by Professor Harald Höffding; "Some Guiding Principles in the Philosophy of History," by Dr. J. H. Bridges; "Sociological Studies," by Mr. J. S. Stuart-Glennie.

The Sociological Society is carrying on the somewhat audacious experiment of trying to fuse a considerable group of men and women, with highly heterogeneous interests, into a body that can adopt a common center for the study of sociology. The two volumes of papers that represent the activities of the society thus far impress me as leading evidence of the difficulties which beset the attempt. Strong individualities, and able scholars, with view-points which in many cases are hardly within one another's horizons, constitute both an encouraging and a precarious situation. If the members of this society can have patience with the divergencies which they represent until they come within sight of a scientific purpose which will correlate their methods of inquiry, they will bring in a new era of progress in social science. At present the absence of a methodological *modus vivendi* suggests the fear that the time may not yet be ripe for establishing a permanent working consensus among the British thinkers who ought to find their bearings as sociologists.

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Money and Currency: In Relation to Industry, Prices, and the Rate of Interest. By JOSEPH FRENCH JOHNSON, Professor of Political Economy, Dean of the School of Commerce, Accounts, and Finance, of New York University. Boston: Ginn & Co., 8vo, Pp. 398. \$1.75.

The author deals less with the metaphysics of money than with its actual part in the economic processes of modern society.

The author has written for practical men as well as for students in high schools and colleges. He has slurred over certain controverted topics, in order to avoid snags which he regards as needless difficulties. Without presuming to pass judgment upon these disputed technicalities, it is safe to say that the book will be of use as an account of the actual phenomena of money and currency.

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